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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS ON GSP

REF: (A) STATE 219436 (B) SAN JOSE 4179

1. FONMIN HAS CONVEYED TO EMBASSY TEXT OF LETTER FROM MINISTER OF ECONOMY, INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE WHICH CONSTITUTES RESPONSE TO USG INVITATION FOR BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON GSP LIST.

2. LETTER MAKES SAME POINTS AS PARA 2 OF REF B AND EXPRESSES GREAT PREOCCUPATION OVER THE PROBABILITY THAT BASIC EXPORT PRODUCTS WHICH ARE SOURCES OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND JOBS FOR COSTA RICA WILL BE REMOVED FROM GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES. THE LETTER DESCRIBES ALL OF THE PRODUCTS AS IMPORTANT FOR COSTA RICAN DEVELOPMENT AND DECLINES TO MAKE ANY PRODUCTY BY PRODUCT DIFFERENTIATION. IT ASKS THAT THE UWXS. INCLUDE ALL 69 OF THE PRODUCTS OBJECTED TO IN THE GSP LIST.

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3. THE GOCR LETTER CITES FOUR REASONS FOR THE REQUEST:

1. COSTA RICA HAS ALREADY BEEN SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY SHARP DECLINES IN THE PRICES OF ITS BASIC EXPORTS AND BY EXCESSIVE INCREASES IN THE PRICES OF IMPORTED RAW MATERIALS AND ENERGY;

2. AS A RESULT IT HAS SUFFERED LARGE DEFICITS IN ITS BALANCE OF PAYMENTS WHICH WILL BE EVEN WORSE IF IT CANNOT OBTAIN FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR ITS EXPORTS;

3. THE U.S. HAS REPEATEDLY REAFFIRMED TO GOCR REPS AND ALSO IN DIFFERENT INTERNATIONAL FORUMS THAT IT FAVORS THE GROWTH OF TRADE WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, MOST RECENTLY A FEW DAYS AGO IN THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S SPEECH TO THE UNITED NATIONS; AND

4. THE TOKYO DECLARATION OF SEPTEMBER 1973 SAID THAT ADDITIONAL BENEFITS WOULD BE ASSURED FOR THE FOREIGN TRADE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.
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